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## CROP PURCHASE HIGH IN CROATIA, LOW IN SLOVENIA

GRAIN PRODUCTION IN ZAGREB OBLAST SATISFACTORY -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 19 Jul 50

This year 92,274 hectares of land in Zagreb Oblast were planted in wheat, rye, barley, and oats. In the 1948 - 1949 season only 71,800 hectares were sowed.

Although this year's drought hampered the production of oats, the total grain production is satisfactory. It is almost certain that an average of 7 metric centners per oral was produced this year, or 12.2 metric centners per hectare.

Because of the greater area planted, Zagreb Oblast has produced 11,162 carloads of grain, or 2,000 carloads more than last year.

This year the compulsory delivery of grain in Zagreb Oblast amounts to 1,600 carloads of grain, as compared to 1,828 carloads last year.

RAINS HELP CORN -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 18 - 19 Jul 50

The long drought all over Yugoslavia was detrimental to the production of corn and several industrial plants. However, during the last few days it rained throughout Yugoslavia. With sufficient rainfall, it is expected that the production of late crops such as corn will improve. The Vojvodina was greatly benefited by the last rainfall, and an improvement in the production of corn, vegetables, and industrial crops is expected.

At present about 1,500 carloads of grain are threshed every day in the Vojvodina.

MORE WOOL DELIVERED THIS YEAR -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 17 Jul 50

In the first half of 1950, 112 carloads more wool were delivered to the government purchasing agencies in Yugoslavia than during the same time in 1949. The 1950 wool-purchase plan for all of Yugoslavia thus far has been fulfilled by

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87.4 percent. The wool producers in Macedonia have already delivered their quota of wool to the government purchasing agencies and have fulfilled the republic plan by 102.3 percent. Macedonia is expected to deliver 25,000 kilograms of wool above plan this year.

Serbia has completed 94.5 percent of its delivery plan thus far. The crop purchase of wool in Serbia is continuing. Slovenia and Montenegro are far behind their plans. Only 11 percent of the amount of wool allotted by the plan has been delivered in Slovenia thus far.

SLOVENIAN POTATO PURCHASE LOW -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 21 Jul 50

In 1949, the crop-purchasing enterprises purchased 190 carloads of early potatoes from farms in Slovenia. This year only 23 carloads were purchased for Slovenian cities. Ljubljana alone consumes three carloads per day.

The reason for the poor showing of the crop purchase of potatoes is the apathy of the purchasing enterprises.

Because of the drought, early potatoes ripened earlier than in 1949, and yet only one-eighth as many potatoes were purchased this year than during the same period in 1949.

At the moment, potato purchasing is in progress in only 13 srez, and of these, eight have made an insignificant showing.

CROATIAN CROP FURCHASE SUCCESSFUL -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 20 - 21 Jul 50

Thus far 1,200 carloads of white grains and 300 carloads of wheat have been purchased in Croatia by the government. The amount of grain purchased so far is equal to the amount purchased by the government in 1949 by 15 August.

One of the reasons for the greater speed in purchasing is that the grain is purchased directly at the threshing machines.

In Slovenia, on the other hand, only 20 carloads of white grains have been purchased thus far, and this is below the planned amount. The reason for the deficiency is that farmers did not get the threshing machines ready and purchasing agencies did not hire enough workers.

CROP FURCHASING IAGS -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 14 Aug 50

By Wednesday of last week government crop-purchasing agencies purchased 376,000 kilograms of grain, or 40 percent of the planned amount for 1950, in Ljubljana Suburbs Srez. The purchasing began at the end of July. Several farmers in the srez delivered less than their quota of crops to government agencies, while others refused to deliver and produce whatever. Consequently, the grain-purchase program in Ljubljana Suburbs Srez is lagging.

DEEP PLOWING UNDER WAY -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 17 Aug 50

Deep plowing has already started in some parts of the Vojvodina. By 10 August 1950, the deep plowint of 4,000 oral of land had been completed.

Last fall and winter the deep-plowing program was not carried out satisfactorily. The areas plowed to the usual depth suffered most during this summer's drought.

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PURCHASE OF GRAIN UP -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 1 Aug 50

Purchasing agencies in the Vojvodina purchased 250-300 carloads of grain per day during the period 10 - 20 July 1950. During the last 10 days in July, the agencies purchased 600 carloads of grain per day.

REPORT GOOD FISH CATCH -- Belgrade Borba, 17 Jul 50

Rijeka, 16 July -- During the last 3 months, Yugoslav fishing cooperatives and private fishermen of the northern part of the Adriatic Sea caught about 1,500,000 kilograms of fish. Twenty carloads of fish were caught in May alone.

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